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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN COPYRIGHT ACTIONS

REFERENCE: (A) ISLAMA 7820 (B) ISLAMA 6938 (C) ISLAMA 7159

1. REFTEL A PARA 2 LEO ALBERT, PRENTICE HALL INTERNATIONAL INC., AND CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMITTEE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN PUBLISHERS, MET WITH MINISTER OF EDUCATION PIRZADA SEPTEMBER 25 IN NEW YORK. ALBERT DISCUSSED POINTS RAISED IN ISLAMABAD 6938, AND 7159.

2 PIRZADA'S REACTION WAS THAT ALTHOUGH UNAWARE ALL COPY-RIGHT VIOLATIONS, HE INTENDS TO CRACK DOWN ON THOSE PUBLISHERS RESPONSIBLE FOR UNAUTHORIZED REPRINTS, I.E., UNION BOOKSTALL.

3 PIRZADA FURTHER STATED THAT UPON HIS RETURN, NECESSARY STEPS WOULD BE TAKEN TO ASSURE GOP RATIFICATION/ACCESSION TO REVISED UNIVERSAL COPYRIGHT CONVENTION OF 1971

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4. PIRZADA APPEARED TO BE SINCERE AND COOPERATIVE DURING DISCUSSION, BUT POINTED OUT THAT STUDENT DEMAND FOR TEXT-BOOKS WAS STRONG AND COULD INFLUENCE GOP POLICY IN THIS AREA. ALBERT STATED AWARENESS OF THIS PROBLEM ON THE PART OF U.S. PUBLISHERS, BUT INDICATED THAT ACCESSION ON THE PART OF THE GOP WOULD LEAD TO EASIER AVAILABILITY OF U.S. TEXTS AND INCREASED COOPERATION ON THE PART OF U.S. PUBLISHERS.

5. ALBERT INTENDS TO CONFIRM DISCUSSION WITH PIRZADA IN LETTER TO BE CARRIED BY AID/W DEPUTY CHIEF ASIA/TECH/ED, STANLEY HANDLEMAN ON HIS FORTHCOMING TDY TO PAKISTAN, OCT. 15. PORTER

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